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Friday, August 5, 1983

R E G U L A R M E E T I N G

A VISIT TO AN AMATEUR MUSEUM

A film narrated by

Will Jensby, WØEOM, ex DL4IA

Meeting to be held at the Menlo Park Recreation Centre, Alma at Mielke, Menlo Park. Future meetings: September 9?, October 7.

Circle The Date

August 5, 1983.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:



Well, I thought we would scoop Field Day in this issue, but George managed to get our incredible success story included in the last issue. Perhaps I have not yet been numbed by success, but I was extremely impressed by this year's operation. The size of the equipment, the relative smoothness with which the towers were put up (with one exception), the persistence of the novice station, the amazing rates of the phone operation during the first hour, all left me with a "nowhere except PAARA" feeling about the entire weekend. Congratulations to all.

The picnic was fun for those who went, but unfortunately it was again a rather small turn-out. If you don't like picnics, how about coming up with a better idea?

Speaking of ideas, is there any interest in a club library? I realize that there are many impractical aspects to this, but if we could expect a reasonably low loss rate, I think it could be justified. Bring a list of books you would be interested in to the next meeting, and we will kick the idea around.

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It could include such subjects as construction, operating, etc. Did you notice the right and left hand justification of the last issue? Very interesting. I tried 14.228 at 7:00 before tonight's net (7/18 - Ed.), no luck. This is going to be a gut-buster of a year; we still have a flea market, an auction, and a Christmas dinner ahead of us. Join in!

de Gerry Tucker, WA6LNV.

PAARA FLEA MARKET PREPARATIONS: PAARA's Flea Market will be held at Parking Lot C, Foothill College, on August 13 from 8:00am to 2:00pm. The Club will need some volunteers for specific jobs, and Gerry Tucker will go into more detail about this during the August 5 Regular Meeting.

However, your Treasurer will need two helpers to take the money off the incoming sellers. Apparently the sellers tend to arrive all at the same time and cause a traffic jam. One or two Traffic Director volunteers will also be needed.

Slightly outside your Treasurer's area, a Food & Refreshments Coordinator and several helpers for him will also be needed. Our President, Gerry Tucker, was talking of bringing the Club 10KW generator along. If any Club member has commercial-type food warming or refrigerating equipment that could be brought to the Flea Market, he should contact Gerry.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING AT PAARA FLEA MARKET: Several private-duty Registered Nurses, including your Editor's wife, Frances Nixon, R.N., will be at

the Flea Market, giving free Blood Pressure tests.

Frances and the other registered nurses are members of the Community Professional Nurses' Registry in Los Altos. This Nurses' Registry is cooperatively owned and run by its Registered Nurse members, and in some ways is a successor to the old Central Coast Nurses' Registry. Their 24-hour telephone no. is (415) 964-0654 and (415) 964-0655.

FIELD DAY 1983

by
Fred Canham, K6YT.

How did PAARA do this year? Read on!

For the last five years, a close knit team of K6RU, K6SEM, and K6YT has conspired to take over Class 4A on Field Day. We have a lot going for us: a great supportive club with the funds and manpower to launch an effort of this magnitude. Each spring the terrible three have sat down and outlined what was necessary to pull it off one more time. The membership of PAARA has backed the plans each year and 1983 was no exception.

The hard-working team that PAARA has developed is well known. It has been depended upon each year with great success but 1983 was a challenge! After all the stunts we had pulled off and the extreme effort of this hard-working crew, how could we succeed again and become winners in Class 4A one more time!

We did not achieve this year's score all by ourselves. Northern California Contest Club (N.C.C.C.) members have played a major part of our success these last five years. It is the cooperation of this group that gives PAARA the edge on Field Day.

We compete each year for a local plaque sponsored by the Central California Radio Council (C.C.R.C.). Rules for the Field Day plaque require that a single group (member of CCRC) submit a score to ARRL. That score will be handicapped according to CCRC rules to determine the recipient of each year's award. PAARA will submit its score at the regular meeting of CCRC on August 3rd and our performance will be judged at that time.

ARRL will announce the Field Day standings in the November issue of QST. How did we do? This year's score was the best ever - over 16K points!!!

Thanks to the following members of N.C.C.C. who made this score possible:

CW: K6XO
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(Ed.: Thanks for the article, Fred. The PAARA officers, I am sure, would like thank all the PAARA members who worked on the logistics, setting up the stations, taking them down, and providing hot meals, etc., during Field Day. Unfortunately, your Editor does not have a list of all who took part, but their effort is very much appreciated.)

THE WAY WE WERE - PAARA STYLE.

For a little summer fun and frolic, the following article (supplied from the capacious files of Jerry Starkey, WA6LIJ) is offered to our readers.

Your Editor realizes that this article violates his rules about anonymous articles, but as it has already been published once without lynch mobs, process servers or fiery crosses appearing on the then-Editor's lawn, your present Editor will make an exception to his rules.

To set the scene, Jerry Starkey had written a letter to PAARAGRAPHS suggesting that: (1) the PAARA Monday night net should change from 2m AM to 2m PM, and (2) considerable opposition to this change might be expected from the PAARA leadership, whose heads were heavily calcified (ie. more bone than brain in their heads). The following anonymous reply was printed in a subsequent issue.

"PAARAGRAPHS EDITOR SIR:

This hippy fell in love with a girl from the Establishment. Remote, beautiful, virtuous and straight, straight, straight, she was. He dared not approach her until he changed his whole life-style. Off came the beard, the hair, the tattered clothes; on came baths, completion of college, a job in a bank. A clean cut swain and an old-fashioned courtship. She married him in a church with 10 bridesmaids and all the trappings. Then it happened... The third day of the honeymoon she levelled with our poor ex-hippy: old-fashioned marriage is for

the birds --- I only went through it to escape from mother --- monogamy is monotony --- let's set up shared housekeeping with the nearest commune.

I'm that poor hippy. Lived like a stray dog on the CB band for three miserable years. Then I eaves-dropped one Monday on your PAARA net. Changed my life. Yearned to be better. Studied the code. Traded my 11 metre rig for a 2 metre Gooney Bird. Worked on the theory. Gave up my evil CB ways; took voice lessons; dropped my nasal twang and the staccato epithets born of shotgun transmissions. The calluses on my thumb (from 15 second pulses on the CB ptt switch) have melted away. Got my ham licence last week. The courtship is over, I've straightened out and I'm ready (I thought) for the PAARA 2 metre AM net.

Mr. Editor, the world turned to ashes when No. 5, Vol. 18 of PAARAGRAPHS arrived. Even the mailman (an SWL and mail snooper of long standing) had a sad, ashen look: pages 6 and 7 will crush you, he said.....

You have won, Jerry Starkey, you have won. From 11 metre CB to 2 metre FM is a frequency distinction without an operating difference. But return to my evil CB ways I will not; today I burned my proud new licence after first setting the match to my PAARA application --- and No. 5, Volume 18, including pages 6 and 7. You can have your communal pad of bang-bang FM transmissions on 146-148, Mr. Starkey. Be happy in operating decadence, WA6LIJ. You have forced me to a more respectable activity. Traded my Gooney Bird for an AM 2 megger, and you can nightly hear me bootlegging with Rick's relatives on the fish-boat band. True, it's not what might have been, but it's infinitely better than where you all

are headed.

Sadly, B.S. *

(once a prospective PAARA)

* Before Starkey.

Rick Ferranti's (then-Editor) note: The above letter is obviously a jab at the ethnic background of yours truly; however, the 2 mhz marine band is populated with none of my extant relations, either in-laws or outlaws!"

SUNGARDEN, Tranekaer, Denmark: When your Editor and XYL were vacationing in Denmark recently, we met Mrs. Grethe Schmidt, who has written several books on nutrition, and with her daughter, Rie, owns a vegetarian guest house in Tranekaer, on the island of Langeland, in Denmark's archipelago of Funen. Weekly rates are from approximately 1,345 Danish kroner per week (about \$150), inc. meals.

This guesthouse sounds very nice and vacationers would meet the local Danes rather than other American tourists. From the brochure: Sundgarden was formerly the rectory of Tranekaer Church, and has been converted into a comfortable guesthouse for 30 persons. A state-protected reserve borders on the back of the property. There are many interesting places to visit that are not far away, aside from the island's sandy beaches and wooded groves. There is Tranekaer Castle (17th century), with an English style park and ponds; Tranekaer Church with organ recitals during the summer; local artists' studios and galleries.

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